



Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program

Animal Feed Storage Cost Share Program



For Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008

Improving Quantity and Nutritional Quality of Animal Feed Through Proper Storage

The purpose of this program is to **increase farm income in Tennessee** by providing Tennessee producers with a cost share incentive for on farm storing and distributing feed that is necessary to their beef cattle, poultry, and swine operations. This cost share includes purchase/construction of feed bins, mixer wagons, grinder/mixers, silos, commodity baggers and commodity sheds.

This initiative is funded through an appropriation for farm development in the state's budget as proposed by Governor Phil Bredesen and supported by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Cost Share Reimbursement

- Standard Producer can apply for reimbursement of **35% cost share**, up to the maximum of **\$3,500**.
- Master Beef Producer can apply for reimbursement of **50% cost share**, up to the maximum of **\$15,000**.
 - Only those cattle producers that have **COMPLETED** the UT Master Beef Program by June 1, 2008 will be eligible for 50% cost share up to \$15,000.
 - Those producers that have **NOT COMPLETED** the appropriate course by June 1, 2008 will be eligible for the standard cost share rate of 35% up to \$3,500.
 - Producers interested in taking the Master Beef Producer course are encouraged to contact their local UT Extension Office for details and dates of the programs.

Producers may submit only one animal feed storage application per program year. **Funding is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. TDA reserves the right to modify approval and payment processes in order to ensure fair and timely management of programs.**

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must produce either beef cattle, poultry, or swine and meet the following minimums:
 - **Beef Cattle** – minimum of 10 head of cattle
 - A separate application is available for **dairy producers** by contacting (615) 837-5309 or Cattle.Improvement@state.tn.us
 - **Poultry** – minimum turnover of 10,000 broilers or 5,000 layers per year
 - **Swine** – minimum of 10 sows or feeder pigs
- Applicants with livestock must register their premises with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the National Animal Identification Program. Applicants can register their livestock premises at Farm Service Agency, UT Extension, Farm Bureau or Tennessee Farmers Co-op locations. Premise registration forms and instructions are also available from TDA on-line at www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/tpis or by calling (615) 837-5120
- Cattle producers must also be certified under the Beef Quality Assurance Program, a two-hour educational course on cattle management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association. More information on BQA classes is available by contacting TCA at (615) 896-2333 or info@tncattle.org, or by visiting their Web site at www.tncattle.org.
- Swine producers must also be certified under the Pork Quality Assurance Program, a two-hour educational course on swine management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Pork Producers. More information on PQA classes is available by contacting TN Pork Producers at (615) 274-6533 or tnpork@tds.net
- Applicants must be Tennessee residents and operate a farm or agribusiness located in the state
- Applicants must be 18 years of age as of January 1 of current year

Application Period:

Start accepting applications:.....September 15, 2007
Deadline for receipt of applications: January 1, 2008
Project completion deadline:June 1, 2008

Cost Share Items

- Feed Bins:** Eligible items include any bin that has a minimum capacity of 4 tons and its sole purpose is for on farm storage of animal feed. Any producer that is engaged in an operation that includes cattle, swine, or poultry will be eligible for these feed bins provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Ineligible items include those bins that will be used for storage of bulk commodities that are not directly used for feed.
- Mixer Wagons and Grinder/Mixers:** Eligible items include all equipment directly related to the mixing of grain, hay, and other supplements for feed. Ineligible items include skid steers and attachment implements for existing equipment.
- Commodity Sheds:** Eligible structures include those that are used for storage of materials that can be fed directly to animals or are used in a mixing process to produce feed. It is recommended that commodity sheds conform to guidelines set forth by University of TN guidelines. Structures that are used for storage of materials other than feed will be ineligible.
- Commodity Baggers, Hay Wrappers:** Machinery used for the bagging or debagging of grain and other commodities and wrapping equipment for hay are eligible. Plastic used in bagging or wrapping procedures is ineligible. Grain elevators or other equipment used to load or unload bins or silos are ineligible under this category.
- Silos:** Ground and upright silos for feed storage will be eligible under this program.

Application Period: *Continued*

Applications and additional details about program requirements can be found online at www.picktnproducts.org or by calling TDA's Animal Feed Storage Coordinator at (615) 837-5323. Send e-mail inquiries to Feed.Storage@state.tn.us.

Applications are also available by contacting county offices of: 1) the University of Tennessee Extension Service; 2) Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis until the funds are depleted. Producers will have until **June 1, 2008** to complete approved activities and submit reimbursement paperwork. **Only projects approved in advance will be eligible for cost share assistance.**

TDA reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all requests
- Provide partial funding for specific activity components that may be less than the full amount requested
- Provide funding contingent on receiving additional information or testimony from the applicant
- Consider each cost share request on a case by case basis
- Waive or modify minor irregularities in requests
- Require the applicant to work with TDA to complete all aspects of the application and reporting requirements
- Withhold payments that do not meet cost share conditions
- Require the applicant to repay funds if the facility/equipment is used for any other uses than specified within the first three years.
- Monitor and evaluate each funded project
- Make site visits relating to the performance of the activity before, during, and after completion

Authorization Record

A **Grant Authorization and Project Record** will be issued by the TDA for each approved application. Funding is not considered approved until the applicant receives an approval letter and a copy of this form. ***Purchases made prior to the approved date are not eligible for reimbursement.***

Reporting Requirements

Following the completion of the approved cost share activity, the producer will complete and sign the **Grant Authorization and Project Record** and return it to the TDA. Other items to be returned include:

- Receipt(s) of approved items, showing cost of the item(s) purchased, date of purchase, description of item(s) purchased, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of both buyer and seller.
- Photograph of completed animal feed storage project
- Completed Substitute W-9

Payments

Following TDA review of the materials submitted and if no additional information or site visits are required, the Department will request payment to the producer.

Falsifying applications, invoices or other documents submitted to the department may make that producer and farm ineligible to participate in present and/or future TDA programs and may result in civil litigation or criminal prosecution.

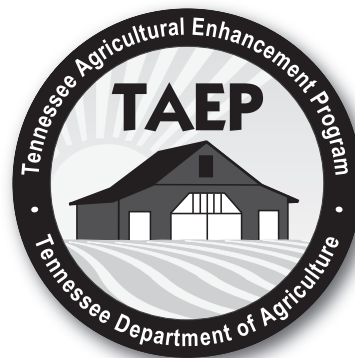
Contact

Please direct any questions concerning this program to:
Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Animal Feed Storage Coordinator
P.O. Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 837-5323 – Phone
(615) 837-5194 – Fax
Feed.Storage@state.tn.us

For more detailed information and support materials, go to www.picktnproducts.org.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Do you meet the eligibility requirements?
- ☐ Do you have your Premise ID? Required for applicants with livestock.
- ☐ Have you completed all sections of the application?
- ☐ Did you sign your application?
- ☐ Please make a copy of your application and support documentation for your reference.



TAEP ANIMAL FEED STORAGE COST SHARE APPLICATION 2007-2008

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

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Date:				Office Use Only – Date Received	
APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	SSN or Federal Tax ID:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	State of Tennessee Employee? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Previously
Producer Mailing Address (#1) Street: City: State: Zip:			Home Phone #: Cell Phone #: E-mail address:		
Farm Address (#2) – where structure will be built: Street: City: State: TN Zip: County where farm is located:			Have you completed or are you enrolling in the UT Master Beef Producer course? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes List County and dates where course is held below : <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>In order to be eligible for 50% cost share, producers must complete course before submitting reimbursement paperwork.</i>		
Premise ID #:	Premise Acct#:	BQA Certification # (cattle only):		PQA Certification # (swine only):	
1. Type of Livestock? <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry - Broilers <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry - Layers <input type="checkbox"/> Swine			2. Number in current production? <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">_____ Beef Cattle</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>_____ Poultry turnover per year</div> <div>_____ Sows or Feeder Pigs</div> </div>		
ANIMAL FEED STORAGE INFORMATION					
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Silos: Ground and upright silos for feed storage will be eligible under this program.					
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ANIMAL FEED STORAGE INFORMATION

3. Complete the table below by marking the Animal Feed Storage Equipment for which you are applying for cost share assistance.

- Standard Producer = 35% cost share up to maximum of \$3,500
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Mark the equipment applied for:

Labor costs are reimbursable only if conducted by a contractor.

- ☐ Feed Bin
- ☐ Mixer Wagon, Grinder/Mixer
- ☐ Commodity Shed
- ☐ Commodity Bagger, Hay Wrapper
- ☐ Silos

Purchases made prior to approval are not eligible for cost share reimbursement.

Incomplete applications will be denied.

I certify that all the information on this application is complete, true, and factual to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that providing any false, fraudulent, or misleading information may result in penalties and/or make this farm/tract ineligible to participate in present and/or future Tennessee Department of Agriculture programs.

SIGN HERE

X _____

Producer Signature

Date

Mail to:

**TN Dept. of Agriculture
Attn: TAEP Animal Feed Storage
P.O. Box 40627
Nashville, TN 37204**

**Applications must be received or
postmarked on or between:**

**September 15, 2007 and
January 1, 2008**

Contact:

**TAEP Animal Feed Storage
(615) 837-5323
Feed.Storage@state.tn.us**

Approval Notification:

**Allow 2 weeks for your application to be
processed. You will be notified of your
approval via the mail.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Approval:

Amount Approved:

Notes: